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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: RUDDY et al.

Serial No.: 08/852,495 ✓

Group Art Unit: 1644 ✓

Filed: May 7, 1997

Examiner: DECLoux, A.

For: POLYMORPHISMS IN THE
REGION OF THE HUMAN
HEMOCHROMATOSIS GENE

Attorney Docket No.: 8907-057-999

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 2, 2003 (Paper No. 45),
please consider the following election and remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 49-68 and 100-111, drawn to a polynucleotide and kit thereof to be examined on the merits.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be made of record in the file history of the present application.

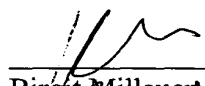
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing selection, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

No fee beyond the extension of time fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8907-057-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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